



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Hands On Night, Thursday 16 June 2022.

I picked up two lathes that were in store at Geoff Walker's house before the event. Geoff seemed in good spirits and, although having to avoid any lifting and not being able to drive, was looking and feeling well.

The Hands On evening last Thursday evening was a quiet affair, with just 14 people in attendance. Those working on the lathes seemed to find it useful. I am not sure how interesting other members attending found it. Comments welcome.

A number of people did say on the questionnaire last year that they would welcome more hands on events. What kind of format do members want from this type of event? Training for members, or an event as we used to have, with a handful of different skill demonstrations for people to move around and engage with? Or should we just stick to the monthly meetings for evenings? Or was it just a hot night / people were on holiday / people were unable to come due to other commitments or illness? As always any feedback will be very welcome, so we can try and provide what members want.

Hands on day – 13 July

The next day time training/ hands on event is on Wednesday 13 July in John Lund's workshop, at Broughton (near Malton). Geoff is back in business organising this event, so if you would like to attend, please let him know at: drgeoffreywalker@gmail.com Geoff tells me he already has 3 people signed up.

Sales

A reminder we have club sales up and coming. Please seriously consider turning some pieces for sale, and offering to help out for an hour or two at any of the events, though you don't *have* to be there to sell items. Offers of help or sales items by email will be welcome and reassuring.

9 – 10 July weekend Filey Craft Fair

23 – 24 July Thornton le Dale Hill Institute Club Exhibition and Sale

3 August Thornton le Dale Show

Celebration of Woodworking by North Yorkshire Craftsmen.

Wednesday 15th June 2022 at 7.30 pm Coxwold Village Hall

An interesting evening about Robert "Mousey" Thompson and his influence on woodworking in and around Kilburn.. Auctioneer Diane Sinnott told us a little of his life and work, including the difference between early mice (with front legs) and later mice (laying down – no legs, which meant breakages less likely), and the current market value of a number of pieces. A selection were passed around the audience –



for example a carved fox £3000 - £4000, an owl at similar price, a pen tray at £700 - £1000. There is a large auction of Mouseman and similar “critter craft” upcoming at Tennants in Leyburn on 25 June. Public viewing is possible this Tuesday and Wednesday if anyone fancies a look. More details, including a fascinating online catalogue with piece by piece photographs and guide prices is on [Auction Details \(tennants.co.uk\)](http://AuctionDetails(tennants.co.uk)). The furniture and woodcarving/ woodturning section is from page 44 onwards.

We also heard some anecdotes from “The Wren Man”, Bob Hunter, who started as an apprentice under Robert Thompson in the 1940s, and whose family now run a hand crafted oak furniture business in Thirlby ([Wren Cabinet Makers](http://WrenCabinetMakers).)

We also had an overview of the current state of the hand crafted wood trade by David Glegg of Beaver Furniture ([Beaver Furniture](http://BeaverFurniture) ,Sutton under Whitestonecliff), including a brief demonstration of how to adze an oak plank (to create that beautiful scalloped texture so distinctive on Robert Thompson furniture).

Club librarian /sales

I wonder, would anyone like to take on a role as club “librarian”? My thinking is it would simply involve being in charge of our growing collection of Woodturning and Woodworking magazines and books, plus our DVD collection. Probably one box of items, which could be brought to club evenings for people to take copies, possibly return after reading, possibly keep. I have been bringing Woodturning and Woodworker magazines donated by members for people to take for free, but what with wood for sale, money, badges, raffle prizes, etc, it would be good if there was one less box for me to load up and transport.

Gallery additions

Some items from the North Yorkshire Craftsmen evening. A candle holder and paper knife with carved wren. An adze – very sharp. A Mouseman pen holder (1933) (£700 – 1000!).

